As a Flight Attendant, it is hard enough to get passengers to pay attention to us when
we are doing the saftey demo in the aisle, let alone get them to turn off their cell
phones at departure time. Now you want to allow them to us them during critical
phases of flight? Speaking as someone who has had to evacuate an airplane on fire, I
dont think you should allow the use of cell phones other than what the current
regulations are. No ones' business or personal ordeals are worth the life of any other
passenger seated next to that person on the phone. If they are talking on the phone
during take-off and something disaterous happens to the aircraft, the didnt hear the
evacuation information, so they dont know to look for floor mounted lights to lead them
to an exit; they dont know that when the door is still closed, how to open it; they dont
know that there is supposed to be a slide at the door and what to do if the slide doesnt
inflate; they dont know that because they left their tray table down, they trapped the
person in the seat next to them and that person was burned alive all because they had
to have a conversation about last quarters sales! DO NOT ALLOW THE USE OF CELL
PHONES OTHER THAN WHAT THE CURRENT REGULATONS ARE...PLEASE!